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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

SUBJECT : Your Questions in re: Proposed Regulation No. [REDACTED] "Temporary Assignment Without Change in Grade."

1. After examining the content of this proposed regulation again, in the light of your comments, I do not believe that there is any real inconsistency involved. Section 3.b, which says that the Head of each Career Service must approve such temporary assignment for someone carrying his service designation merely means that you, for example, would concur in any action of a similar nature involving an SD-A individual in DD/P, but that the decision to so slot a man would be DD/P's to propose, mindful of the quantitative restrictions of Section 5.b.(2).

2. Apparently only incidental consideration of supergrades was given in this proposed regulation (Section 5.b.(3)) because it has been assumed that supergrades were in a special category where the policy for their assignment and utilization lies with DCI, expressed through the mechanism of the Supergrade Review Board. I suspect that only under special circumstances would that Board countenance the assignment of someone, say GS-15, to a GS-17 job, unless the assignment thereto was one pending further action by the DCI. Thus, today the inventory of supergrades throughout the Agency shows cases where GS-15s are slotted against GS-16s, but pending DCI action, and in these cases I do not believe the DCI can act without an increase in the allocation of supergrades to this Agency, something that may have been accomplished by recent legislation. The mention of supergrades at all in this proposed regulation seems to have been only to protect against the slight possibility that an assignment of this type might be made in the future.

3. If what I have said allays any misgivings you may have had regarding the proposed regulation, I believe your signature on it would then be appropriate.

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